## IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF KENT KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE MATTER OF EMERGENCY	) EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO	) ORDER NO. 2021-02
PUBLIC HEALTH	)

## THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF KENT AND KING COUNTY:

This supplemental order is an extension of Emergency Administrative Order 2021-01

- 1. All calendars will continue to be conducted remotely unless otherwise indicated. Defendants incapable of appearing remotely will appear at the courthouse in person and participate in hearings by zoom via court provided access. Clerks and defense counsel appearing in person to facilitate this process will be provided additional protective gear upon request.
- 2. Starting March 1, 2021, call-in UA requirements will be considered by the Court on a case by case basis. Probation appointments will continue to be held remotely.
- 3. No more than ten defendants will physically appear in any courtroom.
- 4. This Court will not conduct jury trials in the month of March, 2021. Since resuming jury trials from August to November 2020, we have essentially been limited to one trial per term. This has been due to the adherence of necessary health and safety guidelines, in conjunction with the limited space available at the courthouse. Given the on-going risk associated with COVID-19 transmission, this Court finds the risk involved in holding jury trials in March, 2021 continues to outweigh any inconvenience caused by further delay. All cases set for trial in the March,

2021 term will be addressed individually as currently set.

- 5. Automatic public defense appointment will cease on February 28, 2021.
- 6. Court dates related solely to IID installation verification will not be scheduled. Conditions should indicate that if proof is not timely filed with the Court, the condition reverts to no driving for any reason until further order of the Court.
- 7. All infraction calendars will be held remotely, by zoom or telephonically, until further order of this Court.
- 8. The Kent Municipal Court will remain open to the public. This order is subject to change as circumstances evolve. All measures will be reviewed at the end of March, 2021.
- 9. It is anticipated, based on current circumstances, that jury trials will resume in April, 2021.

These measures are intended to reduce the amount of traffic in the courthouse, which this Court finds necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons that come into contact with the Kent Municipal Court. On a personal note, we still continue to thank our amazing court staff, the prosecutors, public defenders, security personnel, and jail staff for all the hard work and perseverance it has taken to ensure the administration of justice continues at the Kent Municipal Court during these very difficult and unpredictable times.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of February, 2021.

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Michael R. Frans

Presiding Judge